

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

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Dear Parent/Guardian;

The *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools. The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

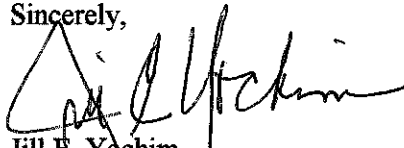
We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have a four-year college degree, teaching certificate/license, and show proof of his/her knowledge in the subject they teach.

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in Linwood. Many of our teachers have advanced degrees and every teacher continues learning through professional development activities. Our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

All of our teachers in Linwood currently meet this legal definition of highly qualified. A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. Every teacher in our district is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teachers on a regular basis. We consistently encourage parent involvement and offer many opportunities and parent workshops for you to be involved with your child's education. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible. For more information on *NCLB*, and the role of parents, please visit the New Jersey Department of Education web site at <http://www.nj.gov/education/grants/nclb/>.

Sincerely,



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